Contract for import of wheat

2447. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have contracted for import of wheat this year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of wheat being imported;

(c) whether proper international tenders were called before the contract was finalized;

(d) the details of quality specifications prescribed;

(e) the number of bidders who made the offers;

(f) the details of bidders shortlisted; and

(g) the manner in which the specifications compared with the specifications of the FCI for procurement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has authorized the State Trading Corporation to import 5.00 lakh MTs of wheat for the Southern States during this year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of quality and specifications for import of wheat by STC during 2006 are at Statement I (*See* below).

(e) Eight.

(f) List of bidders shortlisted is at Statement II (*See* below).

(g) The specification for the imported wheat conforms to the specifications of domestic wheat as at Statement III.

Statement I

Details of quality and specifications for import of wheat by STC

(A) tender for purchase of wheat quality specifications of wheat for import during 2005-06

Wheat shall be dried mature grains of natural size, shape colour, and luster and be in sound merchantable condition. Wheat shall be sweet, clean, wholesome and free from moulds, obnoxious smell, discoloration, admixture of deleterious substances including toxic weed seeds and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below. Wheat shall be free of live weevils and other insects injurious to stored grains, which means free of all stages of living infestation including egg, larval and pupal stages. Wheat shall be completely free from Argemone mexicana, Lathyrus sativus, dwarf bunt (Tilletia contraversa) and ergot (Cleviceps purpurea).

1.	Test weight	78 kg. per HL (min.)
2.	Foreign Matter (including other foodgrains, inorganic matter and weed seeds)	1% (max.) by weight of which not more than 0.2% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.
3.	Damaged grains (including heat damaged, stained, discoloured, black-tipped, sprouted, frosted, insectdamaged, karnal bunt affected grains. Limit of karnal bunt affected grains and also sprouted grains should not exceed 0.5% each by weight.	3% (max.)
4.	Broken and shriveled grains	3% (max.)

	Total of foreign matter, damaged, broken and shriveled grains not to exceed 5% over all	
5.	Moisture content	12.0% (max.) (For each basis point increase in moisture above 12% and up to 13%, a proportionate amount will be added to the quoted price for the purpose of comparison)
6.	Protein	10% (min). (Dry Weight Basis)
7.	Poisonous weed seeds	0.4% (max.) (Within the overall limit specified for foreign matter) of which Dhatura and Akra (Vicia species) shall not exceed 0.025% and 0.2% by weight respectively. Wheat shall be free from exotic poisonous weed seeds as at Annexure-I-B
8.	Aflatoxin	30 ppb (max.)
9.	Deoxynivalenol (DON) toxin	1000 ppb (max.)
10.	Radioactivity (Cesium 137)	40 Bq per Kg (max.)
11.	Pesticidal/insecticidal residues	Not exceeding those listed in Annexure-I-A.
12.	Uric Acid	Not more than 100 mg./kg.

NOTE:

- Wheat to be officially certified at the time and place of loading abroad vessel (s), free of live weevils and other insects injurious to stored grains.
- The Seller shall arrange to furnish a valid Phytosanitary Certificate in conformity with the accepted International

Convention, issued by the concerned Government Agency for each shipment. It is to be further certified that consignment is in conformity with the Phytosanitary regulations in India, which provide that wheat for consumption or processing should be free from Granary weevil (Sitophilus granarius), confused flour beetle (Tribolium confusum), Ergot (Cleviceps purpurea) and Dwarf Bunt (Tilletia contraversa).

- The cargo should be fumigated with Methyl Bromide @ 32 gm/ cu. at @28 Deg. Centigrade and above under NAP and the treatment shall be endorsed on phytosanitary certificate or by any other fumigant/substance in the manner approved by the Plant Protection Adviser for this purpose.

(B) Exotic Weed Seeds

1. Allium vineale
2. Ambrosia maritime
3. Ambrosia psilostachya
4. Ambrosia trifida
5. Apera-spica-venti
6. Bromus rigidus
7. Bromus secalinus
8. Cenchrus tribuloides
9. Centaurea diffusa
10. C. maculosa
11. C. solstitialis
12. C. pumilum
13. C. spinosum
14. Cordia curassavica
15. Cuscuta australis
16. Cynoglossum officinale
17. Echinochloa crus-pavonis
18. Froelichia floridana
19. Helianthus californicus
20. H. Ciliaris

21. Heliotropium amplexicaule
22. Leersia japonica
23. matricaria performatum
24. Polygonum cuspidatum
25. Proboscidea lovisianica
26. Salsola vermiculata
27. Senecio jacobaea
28. Solanum carolinense
29. Striga hermonthica
30. Thesium australe
31. T. Humiale
32. Viola arvensis

(C) Tender for Wheat Purchase—Insecticides & Pesticide Limits

Sl. No.	Name of Insecticide	Tolerance Limit (mg/kg) ppm-max.
1.	Aldrin, Dieldrin (singly or in combination and Expressed as Dieldrin)	0.01
2.	Carbaryl	1.5
3.	Chlordane (to be measured as cis plus transchlordane)	0.02
4.	Dichlorvos (content of di-chloroacetaldehyde (DCA) be Reported where possible	1.0
5.	Fenetrothion	0.02
6.	Heptachlor (combined residues of heptachlor and its Expoxide to be determined and expressed as heptachlor)	0.01
7.	Hydrogen cyanide	37.5
8.	Hydrogen Phosphide	NIL
9.	Inorganic bromide (determined and expressed as total Bromide from all sources)	25.0
10.	Malathion (Malathion to be determined and expressed As combined residues of Malathion and malaoxon)	4.0

Sl. No.	Name of Insecticide	Tolerance Limit (mg/kg) ppm-max.
11.	Phosphamidon Residues (expressed as the sum of phospharmidon and its desethyl derivative)	0.05
12.	Pyrethrins (sum of pyrethrins I and II and other structurally related insecticidal ingredients of pyrethrum)	NIL
13.	Chlor fenvin-phos (residues to be measures as alpha and beta isomers of chlorfenvinphos)	0.025
14.	Chlorpyrifos	0.05
15.	Ethion (Residues to be determined as ethion and its oxygen analogue and expressed as ethion)	0.025
16.	Monocroptophos	0.025
17.	Paraquat-Dichloride (Determined as paraquatcations)	0.1
18.	Trichlorfon	0.05
19.	Thiometon (Residues determined as thiometon, its sulfoxide and sulphone expressed as thiometon)	0.025
20.	Carbendazim	0.50
21.	Benemyl	0.50
22.	Carbofuran (Sum of carbofuran and 3-hydroxy carboufuran expressed as carbofuran)	0.10
23.	Cypermethrin (sum of isomers) (fat soluble residue)	0.05
24.	Decamothrin/Deltamethrin	0.50
25.	Fenthion (Sum of fenthion, its oxygen analogue and their suplhoxides and suplhones, expressed as fenthion)	0.10
26.	Dithiocarbamates (the residue tolerance limit are determined and expressed as mg/Cs2/kg and refer separately to be the residues arising from any each groups of dithiocarbamates (a) Dimethyl dithiocarbamates residue resulting from the use of ferbam or Ziram, and (b) ethylene bis-dithiocarbamates resulting from the use of manocozebmaneb or Zineb (including zineb derived from nabam plus zinc sulphate)	0.20

Sl. No.	Name of Insecticide	Tolerance Limit (mg/kg) ppm-max.
27.	Phenthoate	0.05
28.	Phorate (sum of phorate, its oxygen analogue and their sulphoxides and sulphones, expressed as phorate)	0.05
29.	Pirimiphos-methyl	5.00
30.	Hexachlorocyclohexane and its Isomers © Gamma (Y) Isomer known as Lindane	
31.	Bitertanol	0.05
32.	Methyl chlorophenoxy acetic acid (MCPA)	0.05
33.	Oxydemeton methyl	0.02
34.	Propionazole	0.05
35.	Sulfosulfuron	0.02
36.	Trifluralin	0.05
37.	Chlorimuron-ethyl	0.05
38.	Diclofop-methyl	0.1
39.	Pendimethalin	0.05
40.	Metasulfuon-methyl	0.1
41.	Methbenzthiazuron	0.5
42.	Triallate	0.05
43.	Fenoxy-prop-p-ethyl	0.02
44.	Clodonafop-propanyl	0.1
45.	Triadimenton	0.5
46.	Isoproturon	0.1
47.	2,4d	0.01

Nb: Copies of Corrigendum (2 nos) attached

(D) Corrigendum to the tender No. STC/WHEAT/IMP/1/2006 dated 10.2.2006 for Purchase of Wheat.

Quality specifications of Wheat for Import during 2005-06

S.No. 7-Poisonous weed seeds

Instead of Statement please read as Statement-I

S.No. 11 Pesticidal/Insecticidal

Instead of Statement please read as Statement-I

Under "Note" **line no**. 13 please read as @ 21 deg. centigrade instead of @ 28 deg. centigrade

Statement-I

S.No. 13 please read "Measured" instead of measures.

S.No. 26 Line-2 please read and Instead of AD;

Statement-I

S.No. 30 to be read as

"Hexachlorocyclohexane and its isomers

(c) Gamma (Y) isomer known as lindane" 0.10

S.No. 8-Payment

To be read alongwith Statement-I

S.No. 12-Other Terms

Instead of Statement please read as Statement-I.

Statement

Under "Product Wheat"

Instead of unit price per MT US $ C&F please read as unit price per MT US $ C&FFO.

All other terms of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
(S. Sarkar)
General Manager

February 17, 2006

Corrigendum-3 to the Tender No. STC/WHEAT/IMP/1/2006 dated 10.2.2006 for Purchase of Wheat.

Note to Statement-I

The words "confused flour beetle (Tribolium confusum)" stand deleted.

All other terms of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
(S. Sarkar)
General Manager

Statement-II

List of Bidders Shortlisted

1. M/s Alfred C Toepfer (India) Export Private Ltd., Mumbai
2. M/s Glencore Grain B.V. Rotterdam
3. M/s Gill & Co. Pvt. Ltd. on behalf of Principal Agrico Trade & Finance S.A.
4. Soufflet Negoce, Paris, France
5. ADM Rice Inc, Tarrytown NY. USA
6. Agricore United, Manitoba, Canada
7. Emirates Trading Agency LLC., Dubai
8. AWB (Geneva) SA, Switzerland

Statement III

Uniform specification for Indian Wheat of all varieties for Rabi marketing season 2005-2006

Wheat shall:

(a) be the dried mature grains of, Triticum vulgare, T. compactum, T. sphaerococcum, T. durum, T. aestivum and T. dicoccum.

(b) have natural size, shape, colour and lustre.

(c) be sweet, clean, wholesome and free from moulds, obnoxious smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances including toxic weed seeds and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below.

(d) be in sound merchantable condition.

(e) not have any admixture of *Argemone mexicana and Lathyrus sativus* (khesari) in any form, colouring matter, pesticides and any obnoxious, deleterious and toxic material.

(f) Conform to PFA Rules.

Schedule showing the maximum permissible limits of different refractions in Fair Average Quality of Wheat

Foreign Matter	Other foodgrains	Damaged grains	Slightly damaged grains	Shrivelled and Broken grains
%	%	%	%	%
0.75	2.00	2.00	6.00	7.00

NOTE:

1. Moisture in excess of 12% and upto 14% will be discounted at full value. Stocks containing moisture in excess of 14% are to be rejected.
2. Within the overall limit specified for foreign matter, the poisonous weed seeds shall not exceed 0.4% of which Dhatura and Akra (*Vicia* species) shall not be more than 0.025% and 0.2% by weight respectively.
3. Kernels with glumes will not be treated as unsound grains during physical analysis, the glumes will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.
4. Within the overall limit specified for damaged grains, ergot affected grains shall not exceed 0.05%.

5. In case of stocks having living infestation, a cut at the rate of Rupee one per quintal may be charged as fumigation charges.
6. For weevilled grains determined by count, following price cuts will be imposed.
   (i) from the beginning of the season till end of August, the rate of cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part therof.
   (ii) from Ist September till end of October, no cut will be imposed upto 1% while for any excess, the cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part thereof.
   (iii) from Ist November till end of the season no cut will be imposed upto 2% while for any excess, the cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part thereof.
   (iv) stocks containing weevilled grains in excess of 3% will be rejected.

Method of Analysis

As given in Bureau of Indian Standard No. IS. 4333 (Part I and II) 1967 and as amended from time to time except for weevilled grains which are to be determined by count method.

Definitions of Refractions:— As contained in BIS Specifications No. 2813-1995.

Sugar Production

2448. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar recorded in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the concrete steps taken by Government to promote production of sugar in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per information available with the Government,